From this ſmall treatiſe Reader learn,
How good from evil to diſcern;
The former chuſe, the latter ſhun,
This do or you'll be ſoon undone.

PREFACE.

IN the *Country*, gentlemen of independent fortunes too generally ſpend their time wholly in the purſuits of field ſports, *hunting*, *ſhooting*, and the like, or the intoxicating pleaſures of the bottle; and in *Town* little more or better is thought of than how to kill time, by diverſions and amuſements, of the moſt dangerous tendency to the morals and diſpoſitions of the riſing generation*.

What pity is it, that *cards*, *gaming*,

* Be not a man of words, but deeds,
Example (precepts) far exceeds.

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